

ABSTRACT

A medical apparatus comprises a flexible probe for accessing a patient's esophagus via the mouth, the probe, when in an operative position extending from a proximal end which remains outside the patient to a distal end within the esophagus, an echocardiography transducer coupled to the distal end of the probe so that, when the probe is in the operative position, the echocardiography transducer is at a predetermined location within the esophagus relative to the heart to perform a transesophageal echocardiography procedure and an electrode disposed on the probe for delivering a cardioversion current to the heart via the esophagus.